REMARKS

Applicants have replaced the abstract and amended the claims to improve the claim language and to eliminate improper claim dependency. Applicants have also amended the specification to correct some headings and to rearrange the specification in accordance with usual U.S. practice. The revisions to Table 2 correct obvious typographical errors in identifying the examples tested. Applicants attach a clean copy of the application as amended above in the third Appendix . No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

Early action allowing claims 1-9 is solicited.

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Table 2

	swell	swelling ratio		thickness		thermal shrinkage (%)	;e (%)	thermal	thermal shrinkage (%)	e (%)		Drogogino	+hiologon
	base layer	sealing layer	takeout width X (mm)	variation rate Y (%)	right end	Center	left end	Center left end right end center left end	center	left end	gloss (%)	applica- va	applica- variation rate bility Z (%)
Ex. 3	1.31	1.24	6200	6.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	3.2	3.8	3.1	130	0	6.0
Ex. 4	1.31	1.24	6200	7.3	0.5	6.0	0.1	2.9	3.3	3.8	127	0	6.4
Comp. Ex. 3	1.31	1.47	6200	15.5	-0.1	0.1	0.4	3.2	2.2	1.2	120	×	24.7
Comp. Ex. 4	1.31	1.24	6200	20.0	1.0	0.7	0.5	2.5	4.1	3.6	115	×	26.3